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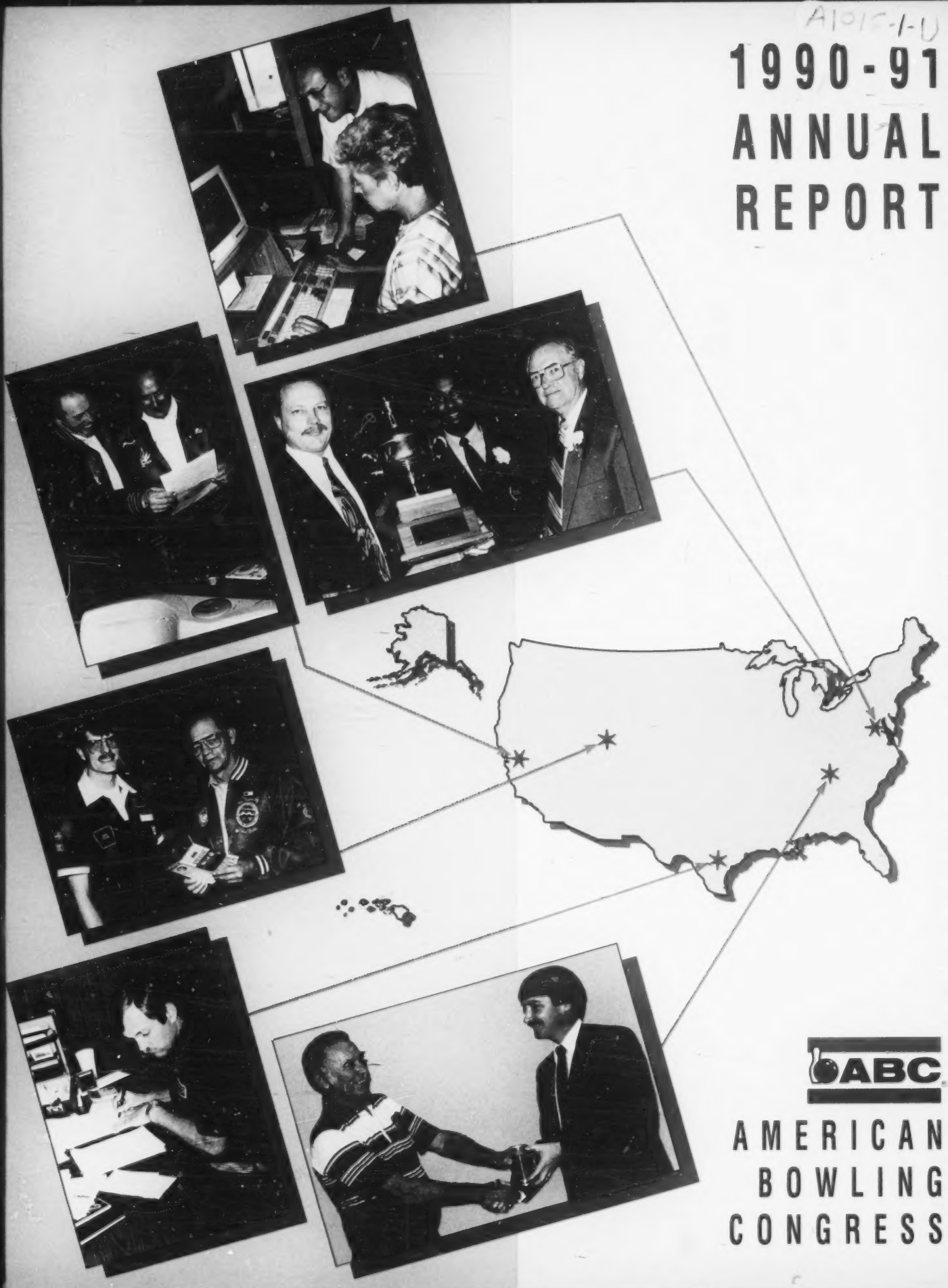

ABC

AMERICAN BOWLING CONGRESS

1990-91 ABC® ANNUAL REPORT

ABC Executive Director — Darold Dobs

A Report to Our Members

Our world of bowling is full of success stories. What is amazing is that there are as many successes off the lanes as there are on the lanes. This year, besides the important task of sharing our fiscal audit, we thought we would tell a few success stories. We are proud of the thousands of volunteers in the 2,762 local associations that are the muscle behind the American Bowling Congress. We talked to some of our top associations (you will be able to tell by the list of Service Award winners on page 9 just how many great associations we have) and they agreed to tell us about just one facet of the exceptional work they do for their bowlers locally. Take a minute and listen to what these bowlers have to say. You will be as proud of them as we are. We hope you will also take a minute to go over the financial statement beginning on page 10. We say with pride that bowlers get the best bang for their buck. While looking through this report, we would also like you to note the membership figures on page 14. Although we had another decrease, we feel our efforts with the "ABC Pride" campaign are paying off. The decline is the smallest in recent years and although we aren't ready to proclaim that the tide has turned, we feel we have made a significant step in communicating our message to the members. The message here is to take a couple minutes with this book and learn more about ourselves. Maybe the awards program in Nashville, the membership work in Toronto, the proprietor relations strides made in San Francisco or the workshops in Colorado Springs can be applied in your area. Finally, take a moment to salute the Service Award winners. We are proud of all the volunteers in bowling, but we hope you will join us in a special tip of our hat to these top associations.

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The most exciting time of year for us is the end of August, when we have our league officer workshops, a very important activity for our association.

We feel our membership depends on the strength of our league secretaries.

If the secretaries do the job right, and by and large most of them do, you will have bowlers coming back year after year as ABC members.

But if a secretary does a lousy job, and the bowlers in the league don't get awards or any of the other services we offer here in Colorado Springs or on the national level, they leave the league and most times drop out of bowling. They just don't come back.

We really stress our workshops. We recognize the secretaries who are doing a great job and try to get the newer guys off in the right direction.

There is more to our workshops than just handing out league kits. First, we register all the secretaries because we give them an award for their service for five years, 10 years and so on in five year increments. We are just thanking the secretaries for a job well done.

We work together with the women's association and hold four meetings at four different locations. We go over all the new changes for the year and we issue our secretaries a guide that tells them who their house representatives are and explains the proper ways to fill out forms and the pitfalls to watch for when they are starting the league.

Once the secretaries and presidents arrive at the meeting, we split them up. We tell the secretaries that they are in charge of the scores and the money and give them advice. We explain to the presidents that they are in charge of the league. We tell them the secretaries don't make the rules and that the president is in charge of running the league meetings.

If the league secretary is new, we give them special treatment. We have a meeting just for them and we sit down and help them put everything for their league together. We don't know how well this program has been received, but the new secretaries do come in for this meeting.

There are also some selfish reasons for working hard to keep our workshops informative and well attended. We find that many, many more of our sanction applications come back 100% filled out.

The big thing is that we help the league secretaries and they are the people who keep the bowlers happy and keep them enjoying our sport.

The Colorado Springs Bowling Association comes out in force to make its beginning of the year workshops a success for everyone.

Colorado Springs

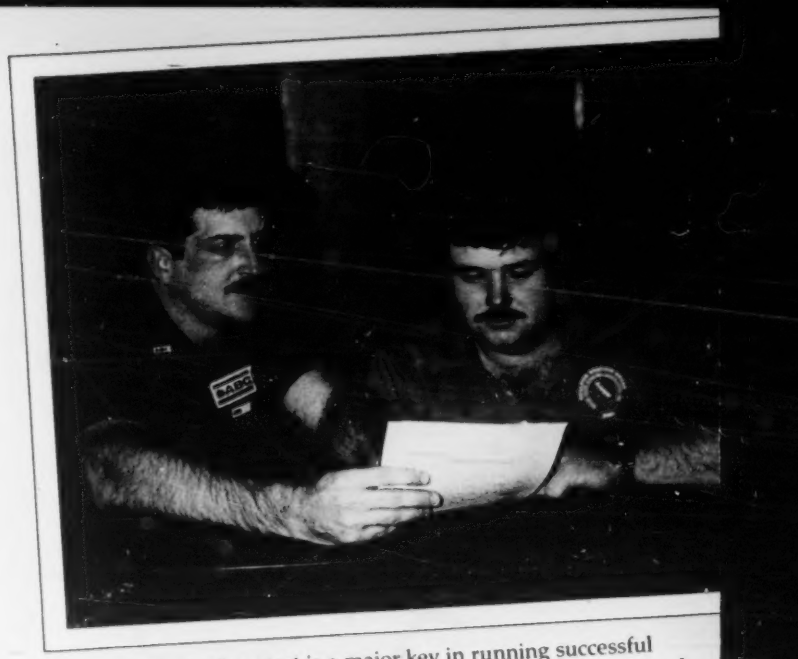
Pride In Membership Is The Key

Helping secretaries do their job helps bowlers enjoy the sport

When we talk to other bowlers and association officers around the country, they think we are crazy for running six tournaments a year. It really wasn't a brilliant idea on our part, but we discovered that our bowlers in the Longview, Texas area enjoyed bowling tournaments. Our members like all kinds of tournaments including mixed and seniors only and we try to give our bowlers what they want, within reason.

We have our association championships with singles, doubles, team and all events and we also conduct mixed team, mixed doubles, men's singles, match game and — senior championship tournaments.

Besides the work we put in, we get a lot back from the bowlers. When we were able to give a check for $1,400 to the winners of our mixed doubles tournament and watch their faces light up...it just pumps you up with adrenaline. One of the things we found out was that a good prize fund will keep the bowlers interested. We hold a raffle once a year and that gives us a war chest to put money back into the tournaments. We have the tournament fees and then we pump another $1,000 or so into the prize fund from our fund-raiser.



Personal contact is a major key in running successful tournaments. Longview Secretary Tem Carpenter explained the Association Championships to one of his bowlers.

Longview

Pride In Membership Is The Key

Conducting tournaments worth the effort

We found out that the value of the prize fund is vitally important, but we also pay the tournaments (except for the association championships and senior invitational) on the same day. We also send out a photo of the champions and a press release with tournament results to the local paper.

Our bowlers want to do things locally and the tournaments fit in perfectly. We also are trying to mirror the demographics so we have added a senior and a mixed tournament.

The whole trick to tournaments is that you have to do whatever it takes to do it right. We have a very strong league representative program and before the tournaments we get down in the pits, one-on-one and hit every league. We go down to the mixed leagues and help them make up teams for the association tournament.

Sometimes you have to rethink the wheel because you have to make the bowlers want to get in the tournament. Now we are working on a local car dealer to buy an insurance policy and give a car to the first person who shoots a 300. We try anything creative to keep the interest up.

Good public relations, especially on the opening day, have helped us. For the association tournament we had eight groups of three generations of bowlers and they were all competing. Not many other sports can do that and that generated some great exposure in the paper.

We want to have a good time and relaxed atmosphere for our tournaments because that is how we are as a board of directors and that makes all the work worthwhile.

Nashville

Pride In Membership Is The Key

Rewards keep bowlers coming back for more

Just trying to give something back to the bowlers and keep them interested in our sport is why we started our awards program nearly three decades ago in Nashville. And it's why it continues to make our job so worthwhile.

Our aim is to make sure the average member as well as the top competitors get recognition for their efforts. When our members do something special, we make certain everyone knows about it.

Not only do they receive real nice certificates stating their names and achievements, plus special beer steins, our winners and their companions are invited as our guests to attend our annual awards banquet.

Our 1991 awards banquet cost about $6,000 and honored 380 individual award winners. The last year or so we have had a guest speaker, a political figure from Nashville or someone from ABC. We also secure and give away about 75 door prizes. We tried to make everyone a winner.

When we started our program in 1963, we had 35 people win awards. We began the program by sitting down with a group of bowlers and coming up with a list of scores that would be honored. Then we asked each league secretary to notify us when those award scores were achieved.

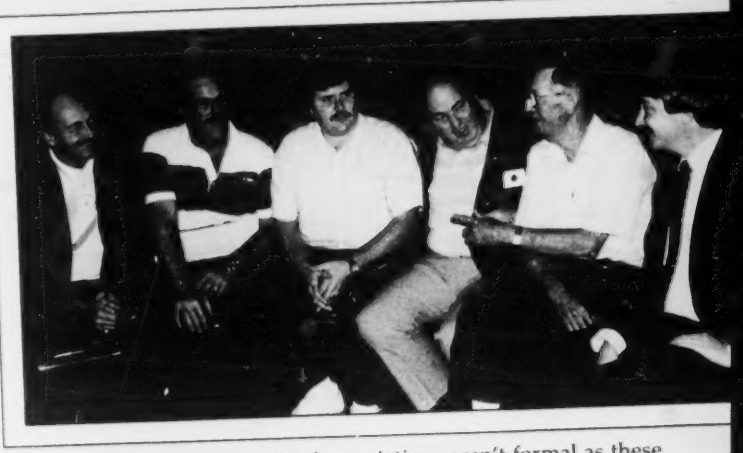
Back then, we gave belt buckles, cigarette lighters and pins and, for a while, wine coolers to our winners. Today's awards are so popular the bowlers eagerly fight to get them.

Although the prizes have changed through the years, the scores needed to earn them haven't. To win the awards, members in the following average categories, based upon the previous season's highest book average, must achieve these minimum scores:

- 139 or less — 225 game or 600 series
- 140-159 — 245 or 625
- 160-179 — 265 or 650
- 180-189 — 275 or 675
- 190 and above — 285 or 690

We also give any team breaking association scoring records the same awards.

We have had other associations from Tennessee and other states ask about our program. It's something we're most proud of and we know how much the bowlers enjoy it. And after all, aren't they why we're here?



All meetings of local associations aren't formal as these officers of the Nashville association talk things over on the settee of a local center.

One of the more pleasant jobs of association officials is presenting awards as Nashville Secretary Jim Rollins (right) presents Buddy Phillips with a certificate of achievement.

All aspects of our communications are geared toward educating the bowler. And an educated bowler is a happy bowler — and an active bowler.

That's our philosophy and one of the best ways we achieve communications is through BOWL Magazine, the Nation's Capital Bowling Association's official publication, which recently celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Stressing the benefits of ABC membership and keeping members informed on the latest happenings in our sport over the last 12 months have been critical, especially with the dues increase. We believe that through Bowl Magazine our members know ABC's and our local goals in the 1990s.

The new Century Award is a prime example. After a photo of the new wristwatch was prominently displayed in the September issue — pointing out that this was

The Nation's Capital Bowling Association is proud of its work with the bowlers and proudly flew its colors. Officers (from left) are Treasurer Robert Hennessy, Secretary Leonard Ray and Assistant Secretary Ray Brothers.

Nation's Capital

Pride In Membership Is The Key

Communication key to educating, keeping bowlers

an effort by ABC to make available one of its finest awards to all members — many bowlers have openly expressed a desire to win one. We don't recall that happening before with other awards.

By publishing the latest list of suspended area bowlers, the NCABA tries to prevent further suspensions that frequently occur when teams use ineligible bowlers. (Several years ago, when this list first appeared in BOWL Magazine, several active suspendees were exposed — including one who was president of two leagues!)

The NCABA, in conjunction with local bowling proprietors, has developed a simple form (with attached copies to be received by NCABA, the local women's association, and the bowling center manager) that encourages presidents to verify their league's funds monthly.

We were determined to do something about the problem of missing league funds by actually getting the president to do a little math each month. We've seen too many cases where the president was suspended because he assumed that the treasurer had been doing his job — only to discover at league's end that part or all of the league's money was missing all along.

At the start of this season, again with the help and cooperation of local proprietors, large checklist boards were installed in area centers. These boards allow league members to see exactly what tasks their league officers should be doing each month — and whether these tasks have been performed in their particular league.

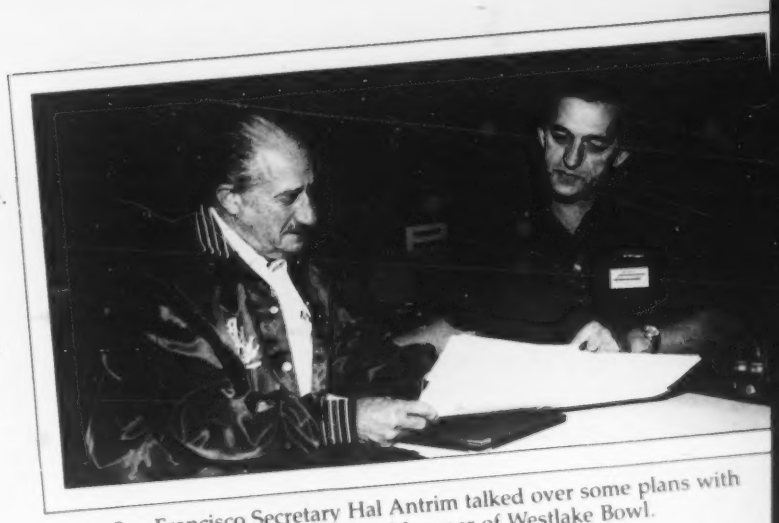
Educating bowlers and encouraging more league officers to be responsible means less problems and less headaches at the NCABA office. In this regard, our self-interest is in the best interests of all of our members.

All this can be achieved through communication and the more the bowlers know, the better off we all are.

Here in San Francisco, our association has devoted a great deal of time, energy and enthusiasm to develop a very good working relationship with our proprietors. Building that relationship took a lot of effort on our part and by the proprietors as well, but it certainly has been worthwhile.

As an example, one of the things we have stressed is that if the proprietors are planning on changing anything, like their method of oiling the lanes, we ask them to let us know and then we can offer to help them in any way we can.

We didn't always have a good relationship, but a few years back we just sat down with our area proprietors and said that we didn't want to turn down any scores. The only person getting hurt was the bowler. They understood and they didn't want to be involved in turning down bowlers' awards either, and ever since, we have had a great working relationship.



San Francisco Secretary Hal Antrim talked over some plans with Rod Sparks, Night Manager of Westlake Bowl.

San Francisco

Pride In Membership Is The Key

Cooperation with proprietors benefits everyone involved

The proprietors call on us for help and we call on them. We work together and don't cross each other's line.

We still meet as a bowling council over special projects like things we can do to promote bowling, but more and more we rely on one-on-one contact.

People are a little more apt to express themselves openly when they are not in a group. They may not want to ask a question because they think it is their own special problem and nobody else is interested. But the problem could be affecting two or three of our houses.

There was an instance where a proprietor didn't want to tell us a bowler was purposely keeping his average down. He didn't want to harm his customer. But we were able to talk in confidence, and we talked to the bowler in confidence, and we got the problem solved.

We've found out that if we sit down and talk, we can hash most things out.

We have a director for every center and we ask the proprietors for recommendations on who to select and who they can successfully work with. Our directors keep in close contact with the general manager, but also have a rapport with everyone in the center from the desk people on down. Our house director also keeps in touch with the leagues regarding everything from getting sanctions in on time to making sure the bowlers get their awards.

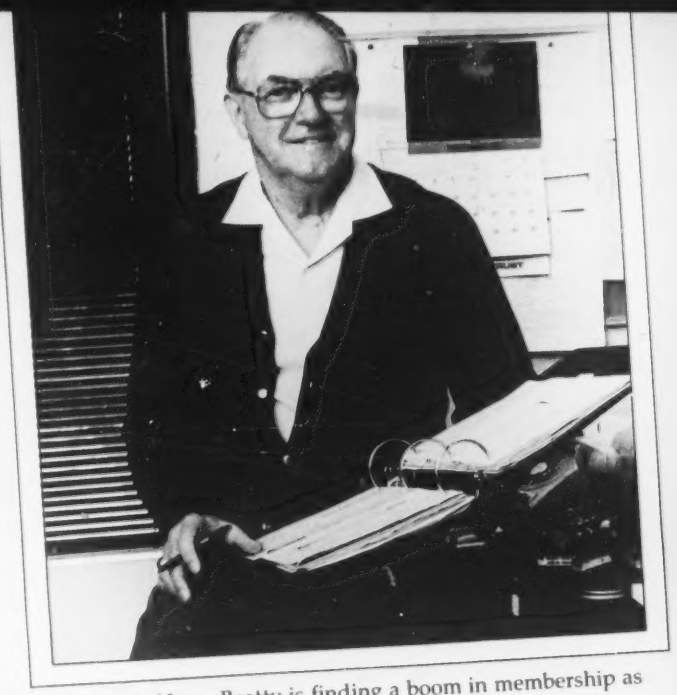
The rapport we have with our area proprietors shows in the success our association has enjoyed. It used to be the proprietors would see our association people coming and think "What does he want now, or what problem do we have now." Instead, now they see an association representative who wants to work with them.

Tenpin bowling has experienced a boom in the Toronto area the last 15 years, just like it has throughout Canada. People who grew up on fivepins, a game invented in our town in the 1920s, have been discovering the larger ball game in droves and once they do, they rarely go back.

They see the American professionals on television. They see Canadian international heroes. They enjoy visiting the new and improved tenpin facilities.

New centers naturally bring an influx of new enthusiasts. And that is perhaps the biggest reason why the Toronto Bowling Assn. has grown from about 7,000 members 15 years ago to the 50th largest American Bowling Congress local association in 1990-91 with more than 11,000 members. But we feel the work the Toronto Bowling Assn. has done, personally talking to these new bowlers, has made a difference.

The proprietors have helped us tremendously in our efforts. In fact, one proprietor writes into his league contracts that all his league bowlers have to join ABC and WIBC.



Toronto's Harry Beatty is finding a boom in membership as tenpins moves to become king in Canada.

Toronto

Pride In Membership Is The Key

Personal contact crucial to Canadian membership rise

What we try to do is make sure our representatives personally explain to the bowlers the benefits of joining ABC. We have a nice awards program and we have a house rep program as well, with a rep or contact in every center. We visit each center as many as three times to explain what we offer.

We also now have an associate house rep program. The reason we started this was we didn't have enough house reps to cover all the centers. Sometimes we had one person covering three or four centers. Our ultimate goal is one person in each center. The women's association also has a house rep program and if our guys can't get there, one of the women will.

The biggest majority of our proprietors have league executive parties and we actively participate to stay personally in touch with league officers. We visit new centers as quickly as possible to explain to the bowlers the benefits offered by our association and ABC.

Our local benefits include two special awards — a Century Series for 100 pins over average and a 600 Series — which only bowlers with 164 and below average can win. Also in our awards program are honors for 250 and 275 games, 650 series and a 15-pin average improvement for the season.

Another thing that helps us here in Toronto is that the men's, women's and youth associations have shared the same office for years. We have a combined awards presentation dinner. We work very closely together.

This is one of our successes. The bowlers like the fact they only have to come to one office.

As we prepare to celebrate our association's 85th anniversary, we only foresee continued growth in our membership. But we will not sit on our past successes. We plan to continue utilizing direct contact with bowlers to let them know why it is so important they belong to ABC.

SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

Alabama
Huntsville (1980-81)**

Arizona
Kingman (1981-82)*
Tucson (1984-85)*

Arkansas
Central Arkansas (1981-82)*
Paragould (1979-80)**

California
Central Solano (1985-86)*
Diablo (1984-85)*
Humboldt (1982-83) & (1988-89)
Marin County (1984-85)
Sacramento (1980-81)**
San Diego (1979-80)*
San Francisco (1979-80)*

Colorado
Colorado Springs (1983-84)*

Connecticut
Central Connecticut (1983-84)*
New Haven County (1980-81)

Florida
Gainesville (1981-82)*
Greater Miami (1981-82)*
Okaloosa County (81-82)*
Panama City (1987-88)
Sarasota Manatee Co. (1979-80)
Seminole County (1980-81)**
Southwest Florida (1983-84)*
Suncoast (1979-80)*
Tampa (1985-86)

Georgia
Albany (1979-80)**
Augusta (1981-82)*
Chattahoochee (1980-81)*
Griffin (1989-90)
Macon (1979-80)**
Old Capital (1989-90)
Savannah (1986-87)
Greater Vidalia (1984-85)*

Hawaii
Oahu (1986-87)

Idaho
Idaho Falls (1981-82)*

Illinois
Aurora (1986-87)
Gr. Springfield (1982-83)*
Peoria (1986-87)
Streator (1979-80)

Indiana
Anderson (1988-89)
Angola (1981-82)
Carroll County (1985-86)
Fort Wayne (1988-89)
Franklin (1989-90)
Lafayette (1981-82)*
Seymour (1985-86)
Gr. Terre Haute (1979-80)**
Warsaw (1985-86)

Iowa
Ames (1986-87)
Burlington (1989-90)
Clinton (1986-87)
Davenport (1982-83)*
Dubuque (1980-81) & (1985-86)*
Muscatine (1985-86)
Ottumwa (1980-81)**
Sioux City (1983-84)*

Kansas
Newton (1986-87)

Kentucky
Lexington (1988-89)
Gr. Louisville (1980-81)**

Louisiana
Northwest Louisana (1986-87)

Maine
Lewiston-Auburn (1985-86)*

Massachusetts
Southeastern Massachusetts (1986-87)

Michigan
Bay City (1985-86)*
Blossomland (1988-89)
Gr. Detroit (1979-80)**
Flint (1989-90)
Gr. Grand Rapids (1979-80)**
Gr. Holland (1988-89)
Jackson (1980-81)**
Kalamazoo (1987-88)
Midland (1982-83)*
Monroe (1987-88)
Muskegon (1987-88)
Wayne-Westland (1983-84)*

Minnesota
Brainerd (1979-80)
Duluth (1987-88)
Gr. St. Paul (1980-81)**

Missouri
St. Louis (1989-90)

Montana
Billings (1980-81)**
Bozeman (1985-86)*

Nebraska
Fremont (1986-87)
Lincoln (1987-88)
Omaha (1979-80)**

Nevada
Reno-Sparks (1984-85)*
Southern Nevada (1981-82)*

New Jersey
Somerset-Hunterdon (1979-80)**
Union County (1979-80)**

New Mexico
Alamogordo (1985-86)
Las Cruces (1986-87)

New York
Albany (1979-80)**
Buffalo (1979-80)**
Cortland (1982-83)*
Eastern Long Island (1984-85)*
Endicott (1986-87)
Ithaca (1982-83)*
Plattsburgh (1980-81)**
Rochester (1980-81)*
Syracuse (1980-81)*
Tonawandas (1985-86)*

North Carolina
Durham-Orange Co. (1980-81)**
Jacksonville-LeJeune (1985-86)*
Raleigh (1985-86)
Siler-Rand (1983-84)*

North Dakota
Fargo-Moorhead (1979-80) & (1988-89)

Ohio
Cincinnati (1980-81)
Clark County (1980-81)**
Cleveland (1987-88)
Gr. Columbus (1980-81)**
Dayton (1980-81)**
Lake-Geauga (1986-87)
Lorain (1985-86)
Marion County (1988-89)
Portsmouth (1987-88)
Warren (1989-90)
Youngstown (1981-82)*

Oregon
Portland (1982-83)*

Pennsylvania
Central Pennsylvania (1985-86)
Lebanon District (1979-80)**
York County (1988-89)

South Carolina
Grand Strand (1984-85)*
Gr. Greenville (1979-80)**

South Dakota
Rapid City (1985-86)*
Sioux Falls (1979-80)*

Tennessee
Memphis (1979-80)**
Gr. Nashville (1979-80)**

Texas
Abilene (1980-81)
Austin (1983-84)*
Fort Worth (1983-84)*
Hidalgo County (1984-85)*
Houston (1980-81)*
Longview (1988-89)
Lubbock (1983-84)*
Montgomery County (1988-89)
San Antonio (1982-83)*

Utah
Ogden (1980-81)**

Virginia
Hampton Roads (1979-80)**
Norfolk (1979-80) & (1985-86)*
Gr. Richmond (1979-80)*
Roanoke (1986-87)

Washington
Clark County (1988-89)
Everett (1989-90)
Kitsap County (1985-86)*
Olympia (1989-90)
Walla Walla Valley (1979-80)**
Wenatchee (1988-89)
Whatcom County (1983-84)*

West Virginia
Clarksburg (1986-87)
Fairmont (1988-89)
Huntington (1979-80)**
Parkersburg (1986-87)

Wisconsin
Fond du Lac (1988-89)
Green Bay (1985-86)*
New Richmond (1986-87)
Oshkosh (1980-81)**
Shawano (1980-81)*

Canada
Gr. Toronto (1979-80)

* Five Year Award Recipient
** Ten Year Award Recipient

Public Relations Awards

The ABC Public Relations Competition made its debut in the 1990-91 season with Portland, Ore., Duluth, Minn. and Wenatchee, Wash. Bowling Associations the recipients of the top honors. The competition was established to replace the ABC Publications Competition which limited the number of eligible associations.

The PR Competition is open to associations which have a PR Chairman or PR Committee which improves the visibility of the association and the sport through the media and other avenues.

Portland won in the category for associations with more than 5,000 members, while Dayton, Ohio and Grand Rapids, Mich. finished second and third, respectively. Duluth was selected the best in the 1,000-4,999 member association category with Ogden, Utah second and Oshkosh, Wis. third. For associations with less than 1,000 members, Wenatchee was trailed by Danville, Va. and Seymour, Ind., respectively.

FINANCIAL REPORT 1990-91

To the Board of Directors of American Bowling Congress:

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of AMERICAN BOWLING CONGRESS (a Wisconsin corporation without capital stock and not-for-profit) as of July 31, 1991 and 1990, and the related statements of income and expenses and changes in fund balance and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements and the schedules referred to below are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedules based on our audits. The summarized financial data for Bowlers' Building Corporation (BBC) contained in Note 2d are based on the financial statements of BBC which were audited by other auditors. Their report has been furnished to us and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the data in Note 2d, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of American Bowling Congress as of July 31, 1991 and 1990, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary schedules (Exhibits I and II) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Arthur Andersen & Co.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
September 30, 1991.

Balance Sheets

ASSETS

Current assets:	As of July 31, 1991	As of July 31, 1990
Cash	$ 337,118	$ 128,453
Investments (Note 2f)	6,503,111	7,460,707
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of $6,000	356,136	531,325
Award and other inventory	147,646	100,599
Printed matter	343,277	405,932
Prepaid expenses and other	456,940	422,191
Total current assets	8,144,228	9,049,207
Prepaid Advertising — National Tournament	186,475	—
Investment in Bowlers' Building Corporation (Note 2d)	1,652,650	1,660,391
Note receivable from Young American Bowling Alliance, Inc. (Note 6)	50,000	60,000
Less — Reserve for note receivable	(50,000)	(60,000)
Notes receivable from National Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc. (Note 5)	1,821,500	1,821,500
Less — Reserve for notes receivable	(1,821,500)	(1,821,500)
Property and equipment (Note 2b)		
Tournament equipment	1,568,641	1,522,768
Office furniture, equipment and other	2,203,132	2,090,586
	3,771,773	3,613,354
Less — Accumulated depreciation	(2,824,664)	(2,628,822)
	947,109	984,532
Total assets	$10,930,462	$11,694,130

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	$ 517,064	$ 481,113
Due associations and others	233,740	107,262
Accrued liabilities (Note 4)	971,044	752,135
Tournament deposits and deferred revenue	1,334,326	1,299,377
Total current liabilities	3,056,174	2,639,887
Deferred Revenue — National Tournament	481,825	—
Fund balance (Note 2e)	7,392,463	9,054,243
Total liabilities and fund balance	$10,930,462	$11,694,130

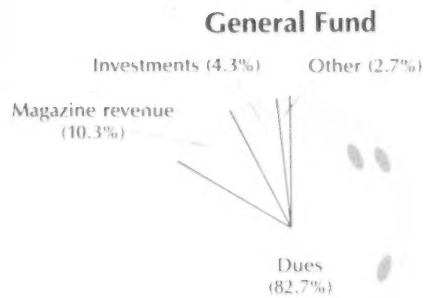
Statements of Income and Expenses and Changes in Fund Balance

Income:	Year ended July 31, 1991	Year ended July 31, 1990
Membership dues (Note 2c)	$ 8,663,532	$ 8,923,554
National Tournament (Exhibit II)	3,654,234	4,058,265
Magazine revenue and advertising (Note 2c)	1,082,861	1,034,504
Income from investments	451,687	600,875
National Mixed Tournament	83,366	—
Other	196,774	29,740
Total income	14,132,454	14,646,938
Expenses (Exhibit I):		
Membership services	6,226,293	6,097,233
National Tournament (Exhibit II)	3,995,193	3,732,785
National Mixed Tournament	111,868	—
Office and general	1,658,894	1,437,540
Public relations and promotion (Note 8)	698,370	890,692
Electronic media	739,435	763,386
Bowling Magazine	807,871	714,668
Field services	833,917	815,462
Data processing	302,704	300,380
Equipment specifications	221,245	216,783
Publications (Note 8)	198,444	—
Total expenses	15,794,234	14,968,929
Net (loss)	(1,661,780)	(321,991)
Fund balance, beginning of year	9,054,243	9,376,234
Fund balance, end of year (Note 2e)	$ 7,392,463	$ 9,054,243

Statements of Cash Flows

Cash flows from operating activities:	Year ended July 31, 1991	Year ended July 31, 1990
Net (loss)	$(1,661,780)	$ (321,991)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities —		
Depreciation expense	265,958	238,113
Pension expense	205,186	191,904
Loss on sale of assets	8,488	6,287
Change in assets and liabilities —		
Accounts receivable	175,189	(238,058)
Award inventory	(47,047)	2,249
Printed matter	62,655	24,634
Prepaid expenses and other	(34,749)	(126,685)
Prepaid expenses — National Tournament	(186,475)	—
Accounts payable	35,951	(71,095)
Due associations and others	126,478	(50,642)
Accrued liabilities	13,723	(199,272)
Tournament deposits and deferred revenue	34,949	(81,447)
Deferred revenue — National Tournament	481,825	—
Total adjustments	1,142,131	(304,012)
Net cash (used in) operating activities	(519,649)	(626,003)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Property and equipment expenditures	(253,848)	(261,053)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	16,825	30,694
Investment in Bowlers' Building Corporation	7,741	71,050
Proceeds from sale of investments	957,596	659,225
Net cash provided by investing activities	728,314	499,916
Net increase (decrease) in cash	208,665	(126,087)
Cash, beginning of year	128,453	254,540
Cash, end of year	$ 337,118	$ 128,453

(The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these statements.)



1990-91 Income
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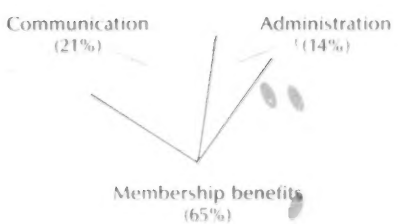


1990-91 Expenses

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Corporate Organization

The American Bowling Congress (ABC) is a service oriented sports organization formed to adopt and enforce uniform playing rules and conditions for the sport of American Tenpins. It provides programs and services to its membership for their participation in organized bowling and encourages the creation and development of events for amateurs. The goal of ABC is to promote, foster the integrity of, and enhance the enjoyment of tenpin bowling.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Method of accounting —
The books of account of ABC are maintained on the accrual basis, except for certain membership dues.

(b) Property and equipment —
The cost of property and equipment acquired is depreciated using the straight-line method of depreciation. Tournament equipment is depreciated over an eight-year life and office furniture and equipment over five to ten years.

(c) Membership dues recognition —
Membership dues are recognized when remitted, the majority of which are received during the first eight months of the fiscal year. A portion of the membership dues received is allocated to magazine revenue and advertising. This revenue relates to magazine subscriptions issued to each ABC league and is based upon one-half of the full subscription price. A summary of the dues allocated is as follows:

	Year ended July 31, 1991	Year ended July 31, 1990
Total membership dues received	$9,125,892	$9,402,144
Less - Dues allocated to magazine revenue	(462,360)	(478,590)
Net membership dues	$8,663,532	$8,923,554

(d) Investment in Bowlers' Building Corporation —
ABC's investment in Bowlers' Building Corporation (BBC) is accounted for using the equity method. BBC holds title to the land and building utilized by ABC as its national headquarters. Summarized financial information for BBC for fiscal years 1991 and 1990 is shown below:

	As of July 31, 1991	As of July 31, 1990
Cash	$ 36,042	$ 13,517
Receivables	420	8,069
Property and equipment (less accumulated depreciation)	3,447,014	3,445,122
Total assets	$3,483,476	$3,466,708
Accounts payable	$ 20,176	$ 5,926
Real estate tax accrual	158,000	140,000
Equity —		
American Bowling Congress (ABC)	1,652,650	1,660,391
Women's International Bowling Congress (WIBC)	1,652,650	1,660,391
Total liabilities and equity	$3,483,476	$3,466,708

	Year ended July 31, 1991	Year ended July 31, 1990
Operating expenses	$490,126	$454,529

(e) Fund balance —
The fund balance is composed of two separate funds, the operating fund and the tournament fund, detailed below:

	Operating	Tournament	Total
Balance, July 31, 1989	$8,150,178	$1,226,056	$9,376,234
Net income (loss)	(647,471)	325,480	(321,991)
Balance, July 31, 1990	7,502,707	1,551,536	9,054,243
Net (loss)	(1,320,821)	(340,959)	(1,661,780)
Balance, July 31, 1991	$6,181,886	$1,210,577	$7,392,463

The Finance and Budget committee of ABC designates portions of the operating fund for specific purposes. At July 31, 1991, the operating fund consists of the following:

Designated funds —	
International bowling activities	$ 400,000
Operations	1,200,000
New business development	80,000
	1,680,000
Fund balance not designated	4,501,886
Operating fund balance	$6,181,886

(f) Investments —
Investments are stated at cost which approximates market. Summarized investment data is shown below:

	As of July 31, 1991	As of July 31, 1990
Operating fund	$3,909,637	$5,032,158
Advance tournament deposits	1,211,826	1,266,858
Restricted for tournament equipment replacement and other tournament activities	1,214,279	994,715
Accrued interest receivable	167,369	166,976
	$6,503,111	$7,460,707

Advance deposits are collected for the next year's National Tournament. Amounts received and any interest earned are both deferred as the funds are to be used exclusively for next year's tournament.

3. Income Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service has issued a determination letter dated Aug. 4, 1986, granting ABC an exemption from Federal income taxes under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3). ABC is also exempt from State of Wisconsin income taxes.

4. Employee Benefit Plans

ABC employees are covered under the ABC Retirement Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan also covers employees of the Young American Bowling Alliance, Inc. (YABA). ABC's policy is to fund the recommended required contribution as determined by the actuary. Total contributions required for fiscal 1991 and 1990 were $444,721 and $408,452, respectively. During fiscal 1991, ABC contributed $118,672 to the Plan with the remaining contribution to be paid in fiscal 1992. The entire fiscal 1990 contribution was paid in fiscal 1990. ABC's portion of the fiscal 1990 contribution was $349,249, with the remaining contribution paid by YABA. Total pension expense was $244,852 and $224,449 of which $39,666 and $32,545 was charged to the YABA in fiscal years 1991 and 1990, respectively.

The net periodic pension cost components for fiscal 1991 and 1990 were as follows:

	As of July 31, 1991	As of July 31, 1990
Service cost-benefits earned during the year	$ 347,429	$ 316,235
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	538,394	513,781
Actual return on assets	(642,937)	(462,944)
Net amortization and other components	1,966	(142,623)
Total pension plan expense	$ 244,852	$ 224,449

The principle actuarial assumptions used for fiscal year 1991 and 1990 valuations were:

	As of July 31, 1991	As of July 31, 1990
Discount rate	7.00%	7.50%
Long-term rate of compensation increase	6.50%	6.50%
Long-term rate of return on plan assets	9.50%	9.50%

The funded status of the Plan is as follows:

	As of July 31, 1991	As of July 31, 1990
Actuarial present value of benefit obligations:		
Vested	$ 6,388,763	$5,849,235
Nonvested	150,086	142,771
Accumulated benefit obligation	6,538,849	5,992,006
Effect of projected future salary increases	1,843,372	1,471,798
Projected benefit obligation	8,382,221	7,463,804
Plan assets at market value	7,119,077	6,909,499
Funded status	(1,263,144)	(554,305)
Unrecognized net asset at Aug. 1, 1987, net of amortization	(676,561)	(728,604)
Unrecognized prior service cost	785,883	834,901
Unrecognized net loss	900,733	321,099
Net pension (liability) recognized in the balance sheets	$ (253,089)	$ (126,909)

ABC's share of the net liability amounts ($199,237 and $112,723 as of July 31, 1991 and 1990, respectively) is included in accrued liabilities in the accompanying balance sheets.

During 1991, there was a decrease in the discount rate assumption from 7.5% to 7.0%, which resulted in an increase in the total projected benefit obligation of $556,393.

ABC currently provides certain health care benefits for retired employees. The cost of retiree health care is recognized as expense when claims are paid. For 1991 and 1990, these costs totaled $33,000, and $36,000, respectively.

In December 1990, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued a new standard on accounting for postretirement benefits other than pensions. This new standard requires that the expected cost of these benefits must be charged to expense during the years that the employees render service. This is a significant change from ABC's current policy of recognizing these costs on the cash basis. ABC is required to adopt the new accounting and disclosure rules no later than fiscal 1994, although earlier implementation is permitted. ABC may adopt the new standard prospectively or via a cumulative catch-up adjustment.

ABC has not decided when it will adopt the new standard or if it will adopt the new accounting method prospectively or by recording a cumulative catch-up adjustment in the year of adoption. Because of the complexities of the new standard, management has not yet determined the effect that the change in accounting will have on ABC's reported financial position and results of operations. However, management expects that the annual postretirement benefit expense computed in accordance with the new standard will be significantly greater than the annual cash payments.

5. National Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc.

On March 27, 1981 during the ABC National Convention, the delegates approved and ratified a resolution stating that ABC, along with WIBC, would guarantee the continuation of the National Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc. (NBHF&M) operations for a period of ten (10) years. Accordingly, this guarantee has been carried out in the form of advances by ABC and WIBC to NBHF&M. During 1991, the ABC and WIBC, along with AMF, Inc., Brunswick Corporation and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) each contributed $31,000 to NBHF&M to help finance its operations.

In 1986, prior borrowings of NBHF&M (for the construction of the National Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum) were repaid by additional ABC and WIBC advances. All advances have been secured by a mortgage on the property in favor of ABC and WIBC.

The notes receivable from NBHF&M are interest-free and had a due date of July 31, 1991, which was subsequently extended to July 31, 1992. Since collection is not anticipated at this time, the notes have been fully reserved.

6. Note Receivable from Young American Bowling Alliance, Inc.

The note receivable from the Young American Bowling Alliance, Inc. is interest-free and had a due date of Aug. 1, 1991, which was subsequently extended to July 31, 1992. An additional $10,000 payment was received in fiscal 1991. It is management's intent, however, to not call for payment on the remainder of the note. Since collection of the note is not anticipated at this time, the note has been fully reserved.

7. Line of Credit

ABC has a bank line of credit arrangement in the amount of $1,000,000. There are no compensating balance arrangements. There were no borrowings under this line at July 31, 1991 or 1990, or during the years then ended.

8. Publications Department

In 1991, ABC started the Publications department. This department is responsible for all costs associated with producing and distributing the briefing newsletter, the annual report and the yearbook media guide. The related costs in fiscal 1990 were included in the Public Relations and Office and General expense line items.

9. ABC/WIBC National Mixed Tournament

During fiscal 1991, ABC and WIBC conducted a National Mixed Tournament. Revenues and expenses connected with the tournament were shared equally between ABC and WIBC. Total revenues generated were $166,733, consisting primarily of entry fees. Total expenses shared by ABC and WIBC were $198,888. ABC also incurred $12,424 of additional expenses related to this tournament that were not considered shared expenses.

10. Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 1990 amounts to conform with the 1991 presentation.

Exhibit I

Schedule of functional expenses for the year ended July 31, 1991, together with comparative totals for the year ended July 31, 1990

	Membership Services	Office and General	Public Relations/ Promotion	Electronic Media	Bowling Magazine	Field Services	Data Processing	Equipment Specifications	Publications	1991 Total	Percent of 1991 Total Expenses	1990 Total
Salaries	$1,483,032	$ 709,482	$ 96,906	$ 38,633	$ 45,748	$348,646	$266,259	$171,127	$ 44,144	$3,203,977	27.4%	$3,077,314
Travel expenses	60,726	118,482	17,052	30,272	10,828	306,115	4,045	5,678	—	553,198	4.7	507,443
Board and Committee travel	505,214	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	505,214	4.3	548,109
Printed material	555,221	—	8,568	—	—	12,662	—	1,491	77,267	655,209	5.6	594,843
Printing and handling of magazine	—	—	—	—	448,124	—	—	—	—	448,124	3.8	364,795
Postage, cartage and express	442,310	3,172	26,563	27,790	113,946	3,032	—	14,134	47,241	678,188	5.8	498,622
Awards	1,678,876	—	—	—	5,295	—	—	—	—	1,684,171	14.4	1,613,148
Employment and outside services	26,719	99,262	29,095	65,527	4,110	—	106,116	941	—	331,770	2.8	240,040
Bonding, burglary and hold-up insurance	220,696	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	220,696	1.9	243,897
Taxes and insurance	377,145	444,898	24,799	13,391	12,498	91,044	66,694	45,455	12,615	1,088,539	9.3	1,142,640
Equipment rental and maintenance	31,076	6,700	8,079	—	—	1,632	23,392	—	—	70,939	0.6	80,113
Depreciation expense	62,333	51,445	6,387	12,128	801	3,496	30,226	37,564	7,280	211,660	1.8	188,988
Lane inspection training program	111,387	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	111,387	1.0	114,734
Other contributions	22,000	—	121,524	—	—	—	—	—	—	143,524	1.2	112,444
Building occupancy expense paid to other bowling organizations	175,786	80,663	32,302	—	8,705	12,784	—	46,567	—	356,807	3.1	336,600
Local association workshops	87,488	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	87,488	0.8	82,679
Advertising expense	—	—	61,529	62,373	—	—	—	—	—	123,902	1.1	142,650
Office and other expenses	535,710	291,598	114,537	—	157,816	54,446	36,614	35,108	9,897	1,235,726	10.6	1,131,828
National Bowling Council promotional fund contribution	—	—	150,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	150,000	1.3	250,000
Charges to other bowling organizations	(171,377)	(146,808)	—	—	—	—	(230,642)	(136,820)	—	(685,647)	(5.9)	(653,041)
Airtime expense	—	—	—	195,000	—	—	—	—	—	195,000	1.7	181,000
Production and development	—	—	1,029	294,321	—	—	—	—	—	295,350	2.5	437,298
Joint Inspection Committee	21,951	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21,951	0.2	—
Total operating expenses	$6,226,293	$1,658,894	$698,370	$739,435	$807,871	$833,917	$302,704	$221,245	$198,444	$11,687,173	100.0%	$11,236,144
Percent of total expenses	53.3%	14.2%	6.0%	6.3%	6.9%	7.1%	2.6%	1.9%	1.7%			
1990 total operating expenses	$6,097,233	$1,437,540	$890,692	$763,386	$714,668	$815,462	$300,380	$216,783	—	$11,236,144		
Percent of total expenses	54.3%	12.8%	7.9%	6.8%	6.3%	7.3%	2.7%	1.9%	—	100%		

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this schedule.

Exhibit II

Schedule of tournament income and expenses

	Year ended July 31, 1991	Year ended July 31, 1990
Income:		
Entry fees —		
Regular team	$ 417,950	$ 453,950
Doubles	421,200	458,740
Singles	421,200	458,740
All events	202,715	220,445
Tournament expense fee	1,260,350	1,377,430
Total entry fees received	2,723,415	2,975,305
Masters and Pro-Am income	308,311	314,520
Tournament site subsidy	225,600	282,000
Income from investments	282,230	342,724
Other income	114,678	143,716
Total income	3,654,234	4,058,265
Expenses:		
Prizes —		
Cash prizes distributed	1,454,815	1,676,747
Championship medals and trophies	12,419	6,574
Total prizes	1,467,234	1,683,321
Construction, installation and equipment cost	640,304	420,132
Operating payroll	798,331	770,492
Other direct cost	173,386	126,940
Program expenses	26,271	57,489
Equipment depreciation expense	54,298	49,125
Masters and Pro-Am expenses	378,216	353,213
General expenses	457,153	272,073
Total expenses	3,995,193	3,732,785
Net tournament (loss) income	$ (340,959)	$ 325,480

Membership provides reason for optimism

ABC's new Pride campaign to encourage bowlers to become ABC members certainly received good news based on 1990-91 membership figures.

While membership dipped below the three million mark for the first time since the late 1950s, the rate of the decline was the least since the 1987-88 season. ABC membership for 1990-91 was 2,922,829, down 3.7% from the 3,036,907 of 1989-90, but ABC remained the largest of any sports membership organization.

And ABC members participated on 1,283,075 teams in 113,641 leagues, an increase of 3,729 teams and a decrease of only 1,135 leagues. That marked the first increase in teams and the lowest decrease in leagues since the 1983-84 season.

"We are not pleased with our continuing membership decline," ABC Executive Director Darold Dobs said. "However, it is the lowest in the last three seasons. This tells us that our promotional efforts such as the Bowling World television show, Professional Bowling Assn. sponsorship and other advertising and promotional efforts have paid off. Much credit must go to our local associations which have gone out, talked to bowlers and proprietors, and generally have become more visible. We have provided some of the tools, but they went and did the job. We are confident this momentum will continue.

"In addition, our financial support of the In-School Bowling Program and development of the Special Sport instructional program for proprietors will give a boost for the future. Bringing in new bowlers and helping those we have improve is very important to the entire industry. We must be upbeat on the overall bowling picture. ABC is working more closely with the Bowling Proprietors Association of America, Women's International Bowling Congress, Professional Bowlers Assn. and others to improve every aspect of the sport."

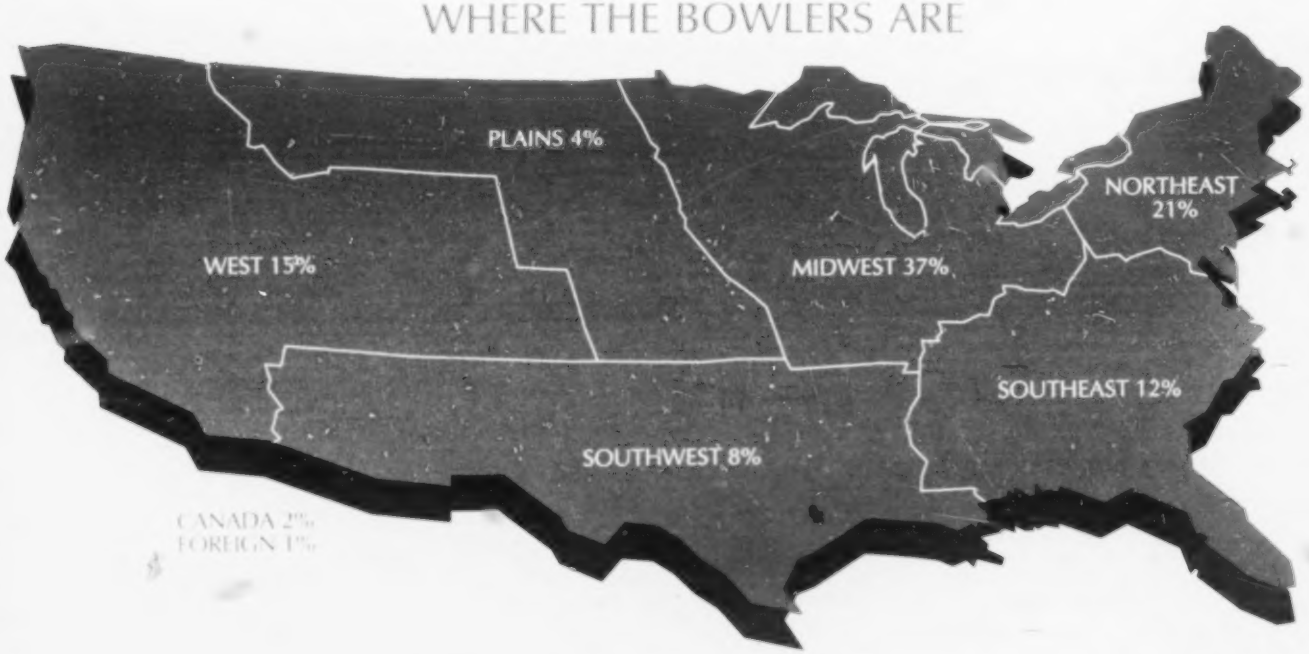
For 1989-90, 78,630 were mixed leagues, 69.1% of all sanctioned leagues. There were 4,263 senior, 30,591 regular and 157 military leagues. Overall, 92,472 were winter leagues and 21,169 summer.

The average number of teams per league grew to 11.3 after two consecutive seasons at 11.1. The largest group was five to eight teams with 32,868 with the 9-12 group right behind with 31,920.

There were 2,762 local associations in 1990-91, a drop of 32 from the previous season. The Greater Detroit Bowling Assn. again led the way among locals with 98,230 members, aiding Michigan to a repeat role as the top state with 250,955 members.

The Chicago Metropolitan B.A. was second locally with 52,008 members while New York ranked second for states at 237,272.

WHERE THE BOWLERS ARE



MEMBERSHIP BY ASSOCIATION

	Members	Leagues
1. Greater Detroit	98,230	2,708
2. Chicago Metropolitan	52,008	1,520
3. Nation's Capital Area	35,749	1,167
4. Eastern Long Island	31,019	1,038
5. Minneapolis District	28,120	902
6. Denver	26,216	1,082
7. Citrus Belt (Calif.)	25,138	1,254
8. Greater St. Louis	23,965	860
9. Buffalo	23,823	782
10. Rochester (N.Y.)	23,312	918
11. Greater Cleveland	23,177	709
12. Greater Milwaukee	22,750	869
13. New York	22,085	774
14. Greater Cincinnati	19,822	694
15. Houston	19,273	1,017
16. Greater Philadelphia	19,032	655
17. Greater Phoenix	18,619	825
18. Greater Baltimore	18,514	804
19. Orange County (Calif.)	18,411	871
20. Greater Columbus (Ohio)	17,911	689
21. Toledo	17,637	654
22. Los Angeles	17,546	1,068
23. Greater Indianapolis	17,418	587
24. Greater Louisville	16,885	618
25. Greater Grand Rapids (Mich.)	16,056	581

MEMBERSHIP BY STATE

	Members	Leagues
1. Michigan	250,955	7,749
2. New York	237,272	8,502
3. California	215,927	11,359
4. Ohio	211,205	7,162
5. Illinois	159,487	5,165
6. Pennsylvania	143,775	5,510
7. Wisconsin	142,406	5,196
8. Florida	114,773	4,911
9. Texas	107,927	5,321
10. Indiana	101,708	3,392

Summary of Dues and Fees for 1990-91

State	Membership Dues	Lane Fees	Total	Leagues	Teams	Assns.	Members
Alabama	53,090.50	165.00	53,255.50	803	8,498	27	15,989
Alaska	26,391.50	99.00	26,490.50	320	3,522	13	8,292
Arizona	123,920.50	233.00	124,153.50	1,713	19,361	24	40,131
Arkansas	47,947.00	190.00	48,137.00	600	6,069	45	13,920
California	706,710.50	1,272.00	707,982.50	11,359	136,335	38	215,927
Colorado	153,053.50	405.00	153,458.50	1,990	22,190	47	49,338
Connecticut	103,545.00	129.00	103,674.00	1,031	13,685	7	32,033
Delaware	41,631.00	60.00	41,691.00	553	6,342	2	13,370
Florida	375,661.00	797.00	376,458.50	4,911	62,793	37	114,773
Georgia	112,692.50	276.00	103,674.00	1,717	19,217	35	34,967
Hawaii	46,944.00	92.00	47,036.00	466	7,194	5	13,448
Idaho	47,377.00	207.00	47,584.50	560	5,610	40	14,113
Illinois	501,856.00	1,511.00	503,367.00	5,165	61,925	128	159,487
Indiana	321,098.00	679.00	321,777.00	3,392	39,565	97	101,708
Iowa	188,434.50	733.00	189,167.50	2,073	19,400	171	57,988
Kansas	121,221.50	525.00	121,746.50	1,512	14,268	108	36,937
Kentucky	99,618.50	300.00	99,918.50	1,239	14,420	25	31,353
Louisiana	69,251.00	174.00	69,425.00	1,069	12,680	18	21,804
Maine	17,460.50	60.00	17,520.50	187	1,994	7	5,166
Maryland	87,174.00	159.00	87,333.00	1,203	15,218	6	27,674
Massachusetts	63,219.00	105.00	63,324.00	790	8,872	14	20,390
Michigan	783,012.50	1,357.00	784,369.50	7,749	95,969	120	250,955
Minnesota	283,274.00	955.00	284,229.00	2,964	26,901	170	89,965
Mississippi	21,867.50	114.00	21,981.50	316	3,369	19	6,413
Missouri	223,205.50	737.00	223,942.50	2,839	28,804	85	70,717
Montana	53,079.00	264.00	53,343.00	564	5,623	65	15,985
Nation's Capital	106,059.00	167.00	106,225.00	1,167	17,006	1	35,749
Nebraska	126,329.00	417.00	126,745.00	1,402	13,776	108	39,343
Nevada	62,440.50	127.00	62,567.50	798	9,787	10	18,403
New Hampshire	17,283.00	36.00	17,319.00	251	2,733	7	5,413
New Jersey	264,168.00	411.00	264,579.00	3,032	38,915	14	86,402
New Mexico	46,692.50	175.00	46,867.50	577	6,651	27	13,676
New York	740,247.50	1,832.00	742,079.50	8,502	97,050	93	237,272
North Carolina	138,875.50	297.00	139,172.50	2,089	21,910	40	42,016
North Dakota	53,097.50	291.00	53,388.50	554	4,496	83	16,235
Ohio	662,487.00	1,557.00	664,044.00	7,162	78,916	112	211,205
Oklahoma	84,037.00	291.00	84,328.00	1,298	13,155	55	25,564
Oregon	96,523.50	303.00	96,826.50	1,386	14,795	49	29,484
Pennsylvania	454,871.00	1,719.00	456,590.00	5,510	55,038	69	143,775
Rhode Island	17,549.50	33.00	17,582.00	263	3,076	1	5,755
South Carolina	75,496.50	132.00	75,628.50	1,316	14,057	20	23,742
South Dakota	54,812.00	264.00	55,075.00	568	5,458	74	16,694
Tennessee	94,489.50	268.00	94,757.50	1,349	14,949	37	28,472
Texas	355,679.00	919.00	356,598.00	5,321	60,970	103	107,927
Utah	52,429.00	167.00	52,596.00	603	7,214	16	16,741
Vermont	26,812.00	66.00	26,878.00	243	2,686	14	8,049
Virginia	146,984.50	359.00	147,343.50	1,805	22,260	21	45,092
Washington	177,087.00	489.00	177,576.00	2,414	26,053	50	55,931
West Virginia	49,656.00	150.00	49,806.00	621	6,297	26	15,460
Wisconsin	449,747.50	1,508.00	451,255.50	5,196	49,696	179	142,406
Wyoming	28,844.00	135.00	28,979.00	351	3,324	32	8,681
Canada	166,332.50	541.00	166,873.50	1,747	20,718	39	52,846
Europe	8,298.00	223.00	8,521.00	437	4,967	57	13,420
Japan	2,112.00	34.00	2,146.00	102	1,207	4	2,399
Outer Regions	7,483.00	57.00	7,540.00	182	2,167	9	4,690
Pacific Area	7,575.00	109.00	7,684.50	310	3,924	7	7,144
Saudi Arabia	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
TOTALS	9,247,232.50	24,675.00	9,271,907.50	113,641	1,283,075	2,762	2,922,829

EDITOR'S NOTE — The membership figures shown in this portion of the Annual Report were recorded from March 15, 1990 through July 31, 1990 (summer leagues) and Aug. 1, 1990 through July 31, 1991 (winter leagues).

The dues, leagues and teams figures are from Aug. 1, 1990 through July 31, 1991.

Note: Playing strength figures are available upon request. For more information on playing strength, contact the ABC Membership Department.

Bowlers Continue Winning Awards at Record Pace

Members of the American Bowling Congress once again reaped the benefits of their fine achievements by earning another record number of awards for the 1990-91 season.

Bowlers earned 318,552 awards for the season which ended July 31. That topped the previous record 295,418 set in 1989-90.

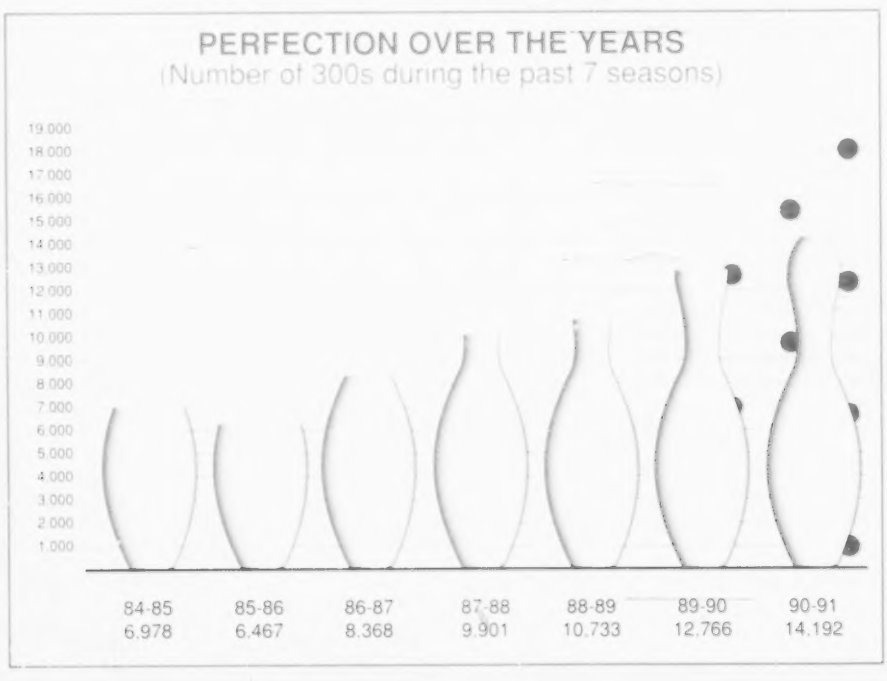
The overall total included a record 14,192 perfect games, 1,426 more than the old record 12,766 of 1989-90. There also were 6,362 approved 299 games and 3,090 298s, up from 5,848 and 2,799 the previous season.

One of the most frequently asked questions is what the odds are of shooting a 300 game. Based on the general ratio of each ABC member bowling an average of 100 games each season — 90 in leagues and 10 in tournaments — this means there was one 300 game for every 20,595 games bowled in 1990-91.

The numbers refer only to scores approved during the Aug. 1, 1990-July 31, 1991 seasonal time frame. Scores achieved in that season but approved after July 31 will be included in the 1991-92 totals.

The breakdown by award for scores approved during the ABC fiscal year — Aug. 1, 1990-July 31, 1991 — follows:

300 Games	14,192
299 Games	6,362
298 Games	3,090
800 Series	2,922
700 Series	84,818
Eleven In-A-Row	11,770
Awards of Merit	1,450
Halls of Fame	855
Triplicate	24,201
Dutch 200 Games	5,298
Big Four Split	4,043
7-10 Split	3,816
100 Over Game	38,215
150 Over Series	48,531
All Spare Games	14,472
75 Over Game (Seniors)	7,652
125 Over Series (Seniors)	4,517



Fiscal Year Awards

Individual Series
1. Mark Benavidez, Sacramento, Calif. 889
Wayne Poole, St. Paul, Minn. 889
3. Bret Dal Santo, Savannah, Ga. 887

Two Man Team Game
1. Pat Henry-Pat Healey, Wichita, Kan. 599
2. Dan Watson-John McCarthy Jr., Louisville, Ky. 579
Myron Tkaczuk-Ken Horvath, Brunswick, N.J. 579
Charles Garinger-George Pappas, Saginaw, Mich. 579
Jim Dougherty-Rich Abboud, Toledo, Ohio 579
Bob Daugherty-Dennis Ingold, Toledo, Ohio 579
Miachel Evans-William Pittman, Rochester, Mich. 579

Two Man Team Series
1. Arthur Temp II-David Knoblauch, Glendale, Ariz. 1533
2. Don Voss-Bob Voss, Lockport, N.Y. 1523
3. Rod Jacobson-Gary Dickinson, Texarkana, Ark. 1521

Three Man Team Game
1. Coors Light, Richville, Mich. 853
2. Paramount Lounge, Schenectady, N.Y. 848
3. Rodeo Lanes, Fresno, Calif. 846

Three Man Team Series
1. Coors Light, Richville, Mich. 2321
2. Ace's Coffee Shop, Schenectady, N.Y. 2291
3. A.M.C., Kansas City, Mo. 2280

Four Man Team Game
1. Last Place, Cranston, R.I. 1090
2. The Bag, Beaverton, Ore. 1081
3. Bad Boys, Houston, Texas 1076

Four Man Team Series
1. Bad Boys, Houston, Texas 3035
2. Orange Chevy, Schenectady, N.Y. 2996
3. Maryland Home Furnishings, Baltimore, Md. 2979

Five Man Team Game
1. Old Milwaukee, Norfolk, Neb. 1361
2. Action Auto Center, Middle River, Md. 1343
3. J.O. Galloup Co., Battle Creek, Mich. 1326

Five Man Team Series
1. Holiday Lanes, Lansing, Mich. 3741
2. J.P.'s Party Shoppe, Flint, Mich. 3739
3. Frank's Mobile Homes, Akron, Ohio 3736

Bowling centers continue getting larger

The trend toward larger centers continued during the 1990-91 season as the average number of lanes per center increased to 19.22 from the previous 19.08. This follows the pattern of smaller, neighborhood centers closing and being replaced by fewer, but larger suburban centers.

ABC/WIBC certified 7,904 centers in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and on military bases worldwide, 121 fewer than 1989-90. The 7,904 centers contained 151,949 lane beds, a loss of 1,214 lanes.

In the United States, 7,544 centers with 146,356 lanes were certified. There were 74 new centers opened during 1990-91 with 1,550 lanes, plus 41 centers reopened with 484 lanes. Another nine centers added 104 lanes while 236 centers closed between the 1989-90 and 1990-91 seasons.

New York led the nation with 577 centers with 11,840 lane beds while Pennsylvania had 547 centers but only 8,246 lanes. California was seventh in centers with 386 but third in lane beds with 10,602.

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1895-96	60	10*	13	300
1896-97	75	26*	18	375
1897-98	100	29*	19	500
1898-99	120	30*	19	600
1899-1900	150	41*	21	750
1900-01	200	67*	38	1,000
1901-02	202	126*	42	1,100
1902-03	404	136*	45	2,020
1903-04	370	143	85	1,850
1904-05	631	162	85	3,155
1905-06	979	177	70	4,895
1906-07	1,215	236	108	6,075
1907-08	1,328	277	113	6,640
1908-09	1,328	298	111	6,640
1909-10	1,357	302	116	6,785
1910-11	1,454	288	100	7,270
1911-12	1,274	311	81	6,370
1912-13	1,538	298	93	7,690
1913-14	1,780	280	97	8,900
1914-15	2,104	282	105	10,520
1915-16	3,288	424	102	16,440
1916-17	3,348	441	101	16,740
1917-18	3,152	388	111	15,760
1918-19	2,724	271	101	13,620
1919-20	5,177	648	111	25,885
1920-21	4,870	649	111	24,350
1921-22	6,079	721	140	30,000
1922-23	11,606	800	159	58,000
1923-24	10,353	926	161	51,000
1924-25	12,874	1,193	170	64,000
1925-26	15,306	1,455	235	76,000
1926-27	18,858	1,881	248	94,000
1927-28	22,062	2,240	283	110,000
1928-29	27,905	2,817	279	139,000
1929-30	43,901	4,806	322	210,000
1930-31	44,942	5,098	352	215,000
1931-32	39,071	4,518	349	187,000
1932-33	29,211	3,610	327	140,000
1933-34	33,072	4,023	339	158,000
1934-35	42,361	4,715	391	203,000
1935-36	52,411	5,865	474	351,000
1936-37	64,035	7,249	532	307,000
1937-38	93,118	10,212	705	446,000
1938-39	105,144	11,799	799	483,000
1939-40	130,924	14,905	1,000	602,000
1940-41	162,253	18,123	1,216	746,000
1941-42	190,423	21,009	1,317	875,000
1942-43	151,063	16,830	1,045	694,000
1943-44	151,726	16,785	1,013	697,000
1944-45	172,835	18,976	1,082	795,000
1945-46	184,207	20,130	1,220	810,000
1946-47	251,366	26,440	1,334	1,105,000
1947-48	286,153	30,073	1,457	1,259,000
1948-49	311,053	32,999	1,517	1,368,000
1949-50	322,055	34,485	1,585	1,417,000
1950-51	325,147	34,827	1,655	1,430,000
1951-52	336,990	36,365	1,641	1,482,000
1952-53	356,713	38,465	1,658	1,569,000
1953-54	375,377	40,533	1,707	1,651,000
1954-55	395,905	43,090	1,728	1,741,000
1955-56	438,424	47,252	1,772	1,929,000
1956-57	510,130	54,318	1,841	2,225,000
1957-58	592,102	62,549	1,929	2,500,000
1958-59	714,395	75,135	2,099	3,000,000
1959-60	872,605	91,181	2,341	3,500,000
1960-61	1,040,592	108,844	2,595	4,000,000
1961-62	1,155,625	120,788	2,803	4,275,000
1962-63	1,240,634	128,719	2,923	4,500,000
1963-64	1,267,518	131,117	2,990	4,575,000
1964-65	1,263,678	130,498	3,005	4,550,000
1965-66	1,248,427	127,079	3,009	4,375,000
1966-67	1,217,436	123,600	2,975	4,250,000
1967-68	1,203,479	121,150	2,914	4,200,000
1968-69	1,165,284	116,149	2,896	4,150,000
1969-70	1,169,341	115,483	2,856	4,100,000
1970-71	1,184,786	115,244	2,825	4,000,000
1971-72	1,223,476	116,992	2,817	4,100,000
1972-73	1,266,032	119,736	2,795	4,150,000
1973-74	1,321,010	123,083	2,773	4,200,000
1974-75	1,369,891	126,833	2,755	4,300,000
1975-76	1,454,727	132,682	2,759	4,500,000
1976-77	1,502,733	136,636	2,754	4,583,000
1977-78	1,548,979	140,066	2,803	4,727,000
1978-79	1,590,045	143,608	2,836	4,777,000
1979-80	1,601,389	143,607	2,866	4,799,195
1980-81	1,605,012	143,723	2,799	4,755,756
1981-82	1,582,121	141,737	2,769	4,685,036
1982-83	1,557,709	139,940	2,772	4,556,907
1983-84	1,553,277	140,234	2,777	3,791,081
1984-85	1,477,769	133,833	2,874	3,656,928
1985-86	1,466,743	132,576	2,796	3,624,575
1986-87	1,394,572	125,858	2,845	3,424,205
1987-88	1,351,663	121,648	2,819	3,313,491
1988-89	1,305,895	117,469	2,799	3,165,471
1989-90	1,279,346	114,776	2,794	3,036,907
1990-91	1,283,075	113,641	2,762	2,922,829

Estimated totals until 1965-66 season. Totals from 1965-66 until 1983-84 based on playing strength. 1983-84 to present are actual membership count.

Lane Certification, 1990-91

State	Centers	Lanes
Alabama	53	1,138
Alaska	29	494
Arizona	80	1,890
Arkansas	58	1,032
California	386	10,602
Colorado	125	2,499
Connecticut	43	1,530
Delaware	19	570
Florida	224	6,476
Georgia	87	2,188
Hawaii	29	590
Idaho	68	894
Illinois	481	8,774
Indiana	233	4,780
Iowa	246	3,090
Kansas	152	2,206
Kentucky	83	1,789
Louisiana	59	1,510
Maine	15	262
Maryland	54	1,306
Massachusetts	38	1,058
Michigan	478	10,425
Minnesota	304	3,855
Mississippi	32	558
Missouri	221	3,828
Montana	90	960
Nation's Capital	51	1,482
Nebraska	143	1,748
Nevada	30	796
New Hampshire	12	268
New Jersey	133	3,902
New Mexico	48	822
New York	577	11,840
North Carolina	99	2,276
North Dakota	101	940
Ohio	499	10,605
Oklahoma	89	1,728
Oregon	101	1,750
Pennsylvania	547	8,246
Rhode Island	11	380
South Carolina	53	1,338
South Dakota	83	816
Tennessee	78	1,786
Texas	264	6,810
Utah	56	1,034
Vermont	21	366
Virginia	93	2,312
Washington	156	2,980
West Virginia	52	942
Wisconsin	516	6,328
Wyoming	44	557
1990-91 Total	7,544	146,356
1989-90 Total	7,671	147,775
Difference	-127	-1,419

Foreign (Regions)	Centers	Lanes
Canada	163	3,141
Europe	130	1,476
Japan	11	164
Outer Regions	18	306
Pacific Area	38	506
Saudi Arabia	0	0
1990-91 Total	360	5,593
1989-90 Total	354	5,388
Difference	6	205

Combined	Centers	Lanes
1990-91 Total	7,904	151,949
1989-90 Total	8,025	153,163
Difference	-121	-1,214

Ancillary Data, 1990-91

New centers	74	New lanes	1,550
Deleted centers	236	Deleted lanes	3,248

Average number of lanes per center: 19.22
Lanes replaced, added or certification reinstated: 662
Centers affected by replaced, added or reinstated lanes: 54